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25 February 1952

Dear Mr. Justice Douglas:

May 18 has been chosen as the date of the unveiling ceremony of the bronzes of Susan B. Anthony and Thomas Paine at the Hall of Fame, on the uptown campus of the University.

I now have the honor of inviting you to come to this ceremony and to make the principal address on Paine - about 15 or 20 minutes. The bronzes will probably be unveiled and presented by officers of the Thomas Paine National Historical Association, the donors of the fund, and there will be appropriate music by an artist of prominence, probably a singer from the Metropolitan Opera staff.

The ceremony will commence promptly at 2:30 in the afternoon, in the auditorium of the Gould Memorial Library, and will be concluded at about 4:00 o'clock, when tea will be served to the participants in the ceremony and other distinguished guests.

We sincerely hope that your calendar is free for the above date, and that you will feel inclined to honor Paine and his entry into the Hall of Fame. If you should accept our invitation, transportation will be made available to you here in New York to and from the University.

The bronzes for Miss Anthony are being contributed by the National Federation of Professional and Business Women's Clubs, and the principal speaker for Miss Anthony will be a woman of distinction, not yet chosen.

Awaiting your kind response, believe me,

Faithfully yours,

Ralph W. Sockman

The Hon. William O. Douglas
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